

Parent Update

November 26, 2020



Hello everyone,

As we indicated in yesterday's update, we have been busy since Tuesday's government announcement trying to clarify information and communicate with our administrators and our staff across the division.

For the parents of our pre-K to grade 6 students, learning will continue at school as it has since September. A reminder that pre-K to grade 6 students will be learning from home for the week of Jan. 4-Jan. 8, 2021 and we will provide further information as it becomes available.

For our grades 7-12 students, learning will be online starting on Monday, November 30th. Schools will be treating a day of at-home learning very much like a day in school. Your child's teacher(s) will share their schedule with them and provide further details. As we head into this transition we wanted to ask for your help as parents. Here are five really important ways that you can make a difference:

1. Ensure that your child is ready to learn prior to their first class.
2. Take an active role in your child's learning by finding out what they are working on each day, and monitoring their progress in Google Classroom or Powerschool.
3. Help create a workspace that is free from distractions and conducive to learning.
4. Support the health and wellness of your child by encouraging them to do their school work during the day, and enjoy family time, and rest in the evenings.
5. Remain positive and reach out for help or support from your child's school if you need it. Thank you for your partnership as we move learning forward during these challenging times.

I also want to provide clarification regarding students with disabilities. If your child has very complex needs, your family will be contacted directly by your school and special consideration for programming will be considered.

Along with learning, our priority is safety. If you have been notified that your child is required to self-isolate, it is critically important that they comply with the expectations that have been laid out by the provincial government and remain isolated for the entire length of the isolation period. Please refer to the information [at this link](#) for details.

I sincerely appreciate your support and understanding as parents during these challenging times. I also appreciate the kindness and patience you have been showing our staff as they do their best to ensure that your child's learning continues.

Kurt Sacher,
Superintendent of Schools